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Report on the Motor Oil Situation in  
the Lander of the Soviet Zone  
of Occupation

1) Saxony.

Approximately 3,200 motor vehicles and wood-burning vehicles are immobilized by the lack of motor oil, and are in need of major repairs because shortages of motor oil have caused serious damages, wearing out of bearings, etc. The remaining vehicles are still running because they are using motor oil purchased on the black market.

2) Thuringia.

Eighty percent of all vehicles are now serviced by motor oil obtained by private enterprise - i.e., black market purchases from the agricultural allotments. At the present time only one percent of the allotment of motor oil is being distributed. Agricultural users still receive five percent of the allotted motor oil.

3) Mecklenburg.

Only 25% of the normal oil needs are being distributed. About 90% of all trucks are already immobilized because of the lack of oil. The other 10% have to be serviced with the available oil because they carry milk or wood for reparations. None of the vehicles being repaired in garages can be put into service as there is no oil available for them.

4) Brandenburg.

About 200 motor vehicles are immobilized because no oil is allocated for them. The remaining 320 motor vehicles can be used only occasionally when oil is available. The distribution of motor oil for motor vehicles and wood-burning vehicles is still about 2.5 percent of the allotment because oil from the agricultural allotment is being placed at the

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disposal of vehicles. Forty-six wood-burning trucks have needed major repairs because of the oil shortage. (Bearings worn out, etc.)

- 5) Saxony-Anhalt. The oil distributions are about 2 percent of the allotment. Ten percent of the motor vehicles are immobilized. About 50 percent of the wood-burning vehicles are not running because of the lack of oil.

The exact figures could not be obtained from the Länder on such short notice, because it would take at least ten days to collate the necessary data.

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